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BOOK REVIEWS

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THE HOSPITAL AS A SOCIAL AGENT IN THE COMMUNITY. By Lucy C. Catlin, R. N. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.25.

Miss Catlin in her preface to this splendid and much needed book, expresses her hope that "the hospital may be made an important social agent in the community;" and that the volume may "present a practical working basis in establishing and maintaining hospital social service." In a clear, concise and forceful way the reader is informed of the need for this comparatively new department in hospital work. The hospital is an established and indispensable feature of every community. Social service develops the hospital's value and increases its usefulness as a social agent. "It places the hospital in the forefront as an important asset in the welfare of the community and of the state." The author lays stress upon the important service this organization may render to the individual, to the community and to society. The book is interesting and attractive with concrete examples of work accomplished; illustrations of actual conditions, and instructive facsimiles of records and blanks used. Miss Catlin is a nurse of many years' experience and therefore is the better fitted to give this useful guide for the establishing of social service departments in connection with hospital work.

NURSING IN DISEASES OF CHILDREN. By Carl G. Leo-Wolf, M.D. C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis. Price \$2.50.

The nursing of children is one of the very important divisions of a nurse's training, the care differs so widely from the care of an adult. Clinical demonstration and lectures are the usual method of instruction, yet lesser subjects demand a text-book for actual study. Teachers and pupils will welcome this simple text book on the nursing care of children because the subject matter is simply stated, without excessive detail and unnecessary diagnostic descriptions. The arrangement is good and the "quiz" at the end of each chapter is an aid to study and memory. The chapters on Public Health Nursing by Mrs. A. L. Hansen, R.N., of Buffalo, N. Y., and on Mental Hygiene by H. G. Matzinger, M.D., add to the instructive value of the book. The text is illustrated.